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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of
PCT/NZ99/00110 of:

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For: CHIMERIC POLYPEPTIDES
ALLOWING EXPRESSION OF PLANT-
NOXIOUS PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A chimeric polypeptide comprising:
 - (a) a vacuole targeting sequence encoding a polypeptide; and
 - (b) a sequence encoding a plant-noxious pest control protein linked in operable combination to said targeting polypeptide.
2. A polypeptide [as claimed in] according to claim 1, wherein [the] said vacuole targeting polypeptide is a signal sequence polypeptide.